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ADDENDUM #1

INVITATION FOR BID #12-87

ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PEIRCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: **Answer the following Questions:**

Q1: Do we need a lintel above the 3'-6" wide door of the hoist way at the lower level?

A1: Yes, we do. Our structural engineer will provide a detail that shows a minimum 8" x 8" square CMU block pier, doweled into place within the window opening that is currently shown to be in-filled with metal studs, gypsum base, cement board, and batt insulation (Detail 4/A2.0). A bond beam over the door opening will consist of lintel blocks filled with grout and (2) #4 bars, spanning approximately 4 feet to the 8" x 8" pier.

Q2: Will the City of Newton waive the building permit fee?

A2: Yes

Q3: What is the charge for a fire-watch by the Newton Fire Department?

A3: \$198 per hour

Q4: Since the construction period is now going to extend into October, how do we protect the building's users?

A4: Assume that the permanent partition in the Nurse's Room must be complete by September 1, 2012, and that temporary partitions will be required around the work area at the 1st floor Stage, and to separate the work area at the lower level from the Lunchroom/Art Room.

Q5: What are the typical daily work hours at the school?

A5: The daily work hours will be from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The same hours will apply once school begins in the fall. Any work undertaken outside of the primary work areas, once school begins in the fall, must be coordinated with the City of Newton.

Q6: Can the field welding indicated in Detail 5/S1.1 be changed to eliminate the need for a fire-watch?

A6: Yes, the Structural Engineer has indicated that the lintel could be either shop-welded, or assembled with bolted connections. The S1.1 drawing will be modified to reflect that change.

Q7: Where can a dumpster be placed for construction waste?

A7: Locate the dumpster alongside the outside wall of the Janitor's Office at the lower level.

Q8: What is the current lead time for the wheelchair lift?

A8: A month ago, the elevator company estimated 1 week for shop drawings, 1 week for approvals, 5 to 6 weeks for fabrication and delivery, and 1 week to install, for a total of 9 weeks, plus time to arrange for a State Inspection. 10 to 12 weeks seems to be a realistic range for this work item.

Q9: Will the contract time period be extended to take into account the lead time for the wheelchair lift?

A9: Yes, the City of Newton confirms that the date for project completion has been extended from October 19, 2012, to December 1, 2012.

Q10: I have a question in regards to the documents. Page 5 of 113 "invitation to bid" states a completion date of October 19th 2012. The summary of work section 011000-1 C.2 states that the project must be complete by August 31st.

A10: The new completion date is December 1, 2012. See Question 9 above.

Q11. There is a note to salvage VCT floor tile from new corridor to patch at new wall locations. Salvaging VCT tile that has been glued down is near impossible and would not be recommended. Please advise.

A11: Provide new VCT flooring to match existing, where patching is required.

Q12. The temporary facility section calls for a project sign. Is this required ? I just wanted to check because sometimes it is put in the specs. then come to find out it isn't required or wanted. A project sign printed on plywood with predetermined graphics runs roughly \$450.00 to \$550.00.

A12: No project sign is required.

Q13. It also, calls for a field office. Is this a requirement or can we set up our staging area in a predetermined location within the school (example: nurses room).

A13: No field office is required.

Q14: Sheet E3.1 shows the corridor 105 ceiling as a drop ceiling but on sheet A1.0 the room finish schedule calls for new ptd. Gypsum veneer. Please advise.

A14: The Room Finish Schedule is correct. Provide a painted gypsum veneer ceiling.

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON YOUR BID FORM.

Thank you.

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